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**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,539,259 to Weinberg et al.

In the Office Action, claims 3 and 4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response thereto, claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and claim 3 has been amended. Accordingly, claims 3 and 4 are now pending. Following is a discussion of the patentability of each of the pending claims.

**Independent Claim 3**

In the Office Action, claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. It is respectfully submitted that amended claim 3 is in condition for allowance.

**Dependent Claim 4**

Claim 4 depends from claim 3 and is similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is in condition for allowance.

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**CONCLUSION**

In light of the above claim amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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